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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In a Restriction Requirement mailed June 30, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the application contains three patentably distinct species:

Species I: Figures 1-5;

Species II: Figures 6-9; and

Species III: Figure 10.

Election is made, without traverse, to prosecute, at this time, Species I. Claims that read on Species I are 37-51 and 53-65. Upon allowance of a generic claim (e.g., claim 37), the unelected claims which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowed generic claim are entitled to consideration.

The Patent Office is invited to contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Mara E. DeBoe (Reg. No. 40,066), at (612) 371.5222, if there are any questions.

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